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1. AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL, I CALLED ON MFA DIRECTEUR DU CABINET ANTOINE ANDRE AUGUST 17 TO PRESENT USG VIEWS ON KOREAN QUESTION. ANDRE WAS SENIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL PRESENT IN COTONOU, AND IS MINISTER'S KEY ADVISOR WHO WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPANY HIS CHIEF TO UNGA.

2. ON UN REPRESENTATION QUESTION, MRGD HAS NOT YET TAKEN POSITION.
ANDRE EXPECTS IT WILL REMAIN FLEXIBLE UNTIL DAHOMEAN DELEGATION GOES
TO NEW YORK, AND WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, FOR EXAMPLE, OUTCOME OF
UN ENTRY OF TWO GERMANIES. ANDRE SAID THAT AS MRGD WILL CONTINUE
MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS, IT DOES NOT WISH
TO TAKE POSITION OFFENSIVE TO EITHER SIDE, AND THAT IN FINAL
ANALYSIS DAHOMEY WILL PLAY ISSUE IN LOW KEY AS IT CONCERNS FAR AWAY
AREA IN WHICH DAHOMEY HAS NO DIRECT INTEREST. SPEAKING PERSONALLY,
HE THOUGHT EVENTUAL MRGD POSITION WOULD BE NEGATIVE ON JOINT
ADMISSION OR ABSTENTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, NORTH KOREANS WHO ARE
REPRESENTED HERE APPEAR TO HAVE DONE A BETTER SELLING JOB THAN RECENT
ROK MISSION LED BY PYO WOOK HAN (COTONOU 1207) AS ANDRE COMMENTCONFIDENTIAL

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ED THAT ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS WOULD REINFORCE SEPARATION RATHER

THAN BRING THEM TOGETHER. MY COUNTER ARGUMENTS MAY HAVE OPENED HIS EYES SLIGHTLY, BUT RECOMMEND FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH MRGD DELEGATION AFTER ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK.

3. ON QUESTION OF UNCURK, ANDRE FOUND US POSITION VALID, AND DOUBTED MRGD WOULD SUPPORT HOSTILE RESOLUTION. ON UNC, HE AGREED THAT IT HAS PLAYED USEFUL ROLE IN MAINTAINING PEACE AND THAT IT OR SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION NEEDED TO CONTINUE SUPERVISION OF ARMISTICE. AGAIN REFLECTING NORTH KOREAN THINKING, HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED US TROOP PRESENCE AN INHIBITION TO REUNIFICATION AS IT COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AN "OBJECTIVE PRESENCE" BY NORTH. ANDERSON

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